

BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2006

The Blue Ridge Regional Human Rights Committee met Monday, October 9, 2006 at 3:30 PM in the Community Room at The Burrell Center at 611 McDowell Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Christene Montgomery
Geraldine Cleary
Lynn Lawson

ADMIN SUPPORT

Betsy Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Annemarie Carroll, Chair
Rebecca Baker, Vice Chair
Josephine Wesselhoft
Mildred Willis
Lydia Barlow

REGIONAL ADVOCATE

Sonia Smith, Office of Human Rights

AFFILIATES REPRESENTED

Alleghany Highlands CSB – Betty Crance
Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare – Betty Bingham
Carilion Behavioral Health – Darlet Colley
Didlake – Twala Rankin
Family Services of Roanoke – Vickie Haynie
Lewis Gale Center for Behavioral Health – Leigh Frazier
Minnick Education Center – Danielle Deeds
National Counseling Group – Sam Gray

GUESTS

Martha Markel
Maggie Clark

AGENDA

See attached

MINUTES

ACTION AGENDA

1. Call to order/welcome

Lynn Lawson, acting Chair called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM; committee members and attending affiliates introduced themselves. It was noted by the Advocate that the Committee does not have quorum and there could be no formal vote, however information could be received.

2. Approval of minutes of June 12, 2006 (lack of quorum at August meeting)

Approval of minutes of August 14, 2006

The minutes were received and Geri Cleary motioned to recommend the minutes of the August meeting be approved as presented, with a vote to be taken at the December meeting; Lynn Lawson seconded the motion. The June minutes will also be addressed in the same manner.

3. Rules of conduct for Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Assisted Living Facilities (ALF) presented by Maggie Clark and Martha

A copy of the rules of conduct was included in the packet for committee members review. Maggie noted that approximately 70 consumers were polled in preparing these rules and these were the consensus they are requesting for approval. The Committee the Rules of Conduct as presented.

Sonia Smith recognized Maggie Clark and her team for their efforts in getting everyone at Southern Manor moved to new residences.

4. Alleghany Highlands CSB – Update of house rules for New Beginnings (letter enclosed)

Sonia reported she had not asked Angie Deem to attend the meeting. A letter was included in the committee packet for review. In June when she came before the committee there were no clients and therefore no input into the house rules; they now have one client and the client has been offered input into the house rules, however feels there is no need to make any changes. The letter serves as an update to the committee and Angie has offered to provide the committee with an update in 6-8 months regarding any changes or additions. Sonia suggested coinciding the report at the same time as the Alleghany Highlands CSB annual report. Lynn moved to accept the letter to the committee as an update.

5. Innovative Community Solutions – update of new services

They are not present and no information has been received. Will try to have an update for the next meeting.

6. Carilion Behavioral Health – Darliet Colley (addition to agenda)

Ms. Colley presented a revised policy and procedure for restraint and seclusion; copies were distributed at the meeting due to not being received by admin support prior to the meeting. Sonia noted the only change is under Scope in the fourth paragraph, last sentence addressing Behavioral Health Advanced Directives. Sonia Smith reported that in the Medical Advanced Directive form the Behavioral Health Advanced Directive part could be incorporated in that form; there is not a separate law or form. She also noted that this is getting more attention across the State and in training throughout agencies, staff and clients are talking about the use of WRAP-Wellness Recovery Action Plan; the clients can work on and talk about what works for them in a situation, what they like and don't like, preferences for all aspects of treatment. This document is being looked at as a Medical

Directive. The revision to this policy is more protective of a person's rights. Lynn moved to accept this revised policy pending approval at the next meeting. Christene voiced concerns and wants to review in more detail. Mala Kesler will attend the next meeting to answer questions.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

7. **Advocate Report**

Copies of the meeting and reporting schedules were distributed.

Copies of the Human Writes Newsletter distributed.

Sonia reported she has an application for a potential new member for the committee.

The Regulations are open for public comment after which the State Board will take a look at them.

8. **New Business**

Ms. Montgomery had questions and is requesting information on the various grievance processes of state agencies that may have some oversight of services delivered to persons with mental retardation. Ms. Smith will provide Ms. Montgomery with this information.

Ms. Montgomery also requested a list of the Human Rights Committee members.

9. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for December 11, 2006.